

### Claim Amendments

Please cancel Claims 2 and 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and through 7 to read as follows.

Please enter new Claims 10 through 20 as follows.

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1. **(Currently Amended)** A developing device comprising:
- a developer bearing member; and
- a developer container for containing a developer, said developer container including a developer containing portion, a partition member dividing an interior of said developer containing portion into a plurality of rooms, and a cover for covering said developer containing portion,
- wherein said partition member is molded integrally with said cover, said partition member is disposed in parallel with a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member and extended to form a gap between said partition member and a bottom surface of said developer containing portion throughout an entire length of said developer containing portion in a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Original)** A developing device according to Claim 1, wherein bottom surfaces of said plurality of rooms have an arcuate shape.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A developing device according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively provided in said plurality of rooms.

6. (Currently Amended) A developing device according to Claim 1, 3, or 5, wherein said containing portion ~~is equipped with~~ comprises a rib disposed in a direction crossing intersects said partition member.

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7. (Currently Amended) A developing device according to Claim 6, wherein said partition member ~~is equipped with~~ comprises a groove disposed in a direction so as to avoid intersecting said rib.

8. (Original) A developing device according to Claim 1, wherein said device is detachably attachable to an image forming apparatus for forming an image on a recording material.

9. (Original) A developing device according to Claim 8, wherein said device and an image bearing member for bearing an image are formed into an integral unit.

--10. (New) A developing device comprising:

a developer bearing member; and

developer containing for containing a developer, said developer container a  
developer containing portion, a partition member dividing an interior of said developer  
containing portion into a plurality of rooms, and a cover for covering said developer  
containing portion,

wherein said partition member is molded integrally with said cover,

wherein said containing portion comprises a rib disposed in a direction intersecting  
said partition member, and

wherein said partition member comprises a groove disposed in a direction so as to  
avoid intersecting said rib.

11. (New) A developing device according to Claim 10, wherein said partition  
member divides the interior of said developer containing portion into said plurality of  
rooms except for a gap through which the developer passes.

12. (New) A developing device according to Claim 10 or 11, wherein said  
partition member is formed as a plate in parallel with said developer bearing member.

13. (New) A developing device according to Claim 12, wherein a plurality of  
developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively provided in said  
plurality of rooms.

14. (New) A developing device according to Claim 12, wherein said developing device is detachably attachable to an image forming apparatus for forming an image on a recording material.

15. (New) A developing device according to Claim 14, wherein said developing device and an image bearing member for bearing an image are formed into an integral unit.

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16. (New) A process cartridge detachably attachable to a main body of an image forming apparatus, said process cartridge comprising:

a photosensitive drum; and

a developing device for developing a latent image forming on said photosensitive drum, said developing device comprising:

a developer bearing member; and

a developer container for containing a developer, said developer container including a developer containing portion, a partition member dividing an interior of said developer containing portion into a plurality of rooms, and a cover for covering said developer containing portion,

wherein said partition member is molded integrally with said cover, said partition member is disposed in parallel with a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member and extended to form a gap between said partition member and a bottom surface of said developer containing portion throughout an entire length of said developer containing portion in a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member.

17. (New) A process cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein bottom surfaces of said plurality of rooms have an arcuate shape.

18. (New) A process cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein a plurality of developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively provided in said plurality of rooms.

19. (New) A process cartridge according to Claim 16, 17, or 18, wherein said containing portion comprises a rib disposed in a direction intersecting said partition member.

20. (New) A process cartridge according to Claim 19, wherein said partition member comprises a groove disposed in a direction so as to avoid intersecting said rib.

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